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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CISCO II

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1. WHILE WE OF COURSE SHARE EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO LEAVE NO
STONE UNTURNED FOR ABDUCTEES' SAFE RETURN, COURSE OF ACTION
PROPOSED REF A SEEMS TO US PREMATURE. WE WOULD NOT
WISH TO INDICATE QUOTE USG PREPARED NEGOTIATE RELEASE OF
CAPTIVES END QUOTE UNLESS AND UNTIL IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT
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EPMG IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITY

TO ASCERTAIN ABDUCTEES' WHEREABOUTS AND MOVE EFFECTIVELY TO SECURE THEIR SAFE RELEASE. ALSO, IF REPAIRMEN THEORY HAS ANY VALIDITY, WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT TURN ABDUCTION FOR REPAIR WORK INTO A KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM.

2. CONCUR ACTION PROPOSED REF B.

3. FAMILIES OF HARRELL AND CAMPBELL ARE PREPARING APPEALS FOR RELEASE OF HOSTAGES OR, AT THE LEAST, PROOF FROM KIDNAPPERS THAT HOSTAGES ARE ALIVE AND WELL, FOR BROADCAST BY EPMG. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE FORWARD TEXTS NEXT DAY OR SO.

4. FOR DAMASCUS: RE EMBASSY ADDIS' RECOMMENDATION REF A, AND CONSIDERING THAT EPMG HAS NO REPRESENTATION IN DAMASCUS, REQUEST YOU APPROACH EDWARD KHALIF, AT YOUR DISCRETION, AND, EMPHASIZING HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, ASK IF HE CAN OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF CAPTIVES' SAFETY AND WELL-BEING
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